



Asbestos abatement permit

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Asbestos is a mineral fiber that has been used in hundreds of commercial and residential applications. Because asbestos is resistant to thermal (heat) degradation and binds well to a variety of other materials, it was commonly used as fireproofing and insulation on water or heating pipes and ductwork in buildings. Asbestos was also used in building products such as floor tiles, mastics/cements, ceiling panels, exterior siding and asphalt roofing material.

Asbestos has been classified as a known human carcinogen by many federal and state environmental and public health agencies. Breathing airborne asbestos fibers has been linked to a number of lung diseases and cancer. Humans can be exposed to asbestos fibers when material containing asbestos is disturbed during renovation or demolition projects, or during abatement activities. You must obtain an asbestos abatement permit before any materials that could contain materials are disturbed.

In general, an asbestos abatement project permit is required if the amount of asbestos containing materials to be abated exceeds 160 square feet, one cubic meter or 260 lineal feet on commercial or residential properties (3 family or larger). A permit is not required for projects conducted on one – or two-family residential property unless boiler repair or replacement is involved. Please note that the material must be disposed of in an acceptable manner.

To obtain an asbestos abatement project permit, a contractor or property owner must submit a) a completed [application](#), b) the inspection fee to the Development Center, or Neighborhood Services c) evidence of employee training and certification as approved by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), d)

project plan [worksheet](#), e) a copy of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources “Notice of Renovation and Demolition,” or copy of the DHS “Asbestos Project Notification,” f) If needed, a copy of the DHS “Asbestos Occupant Protection Plan,” and g) a detailed sketch/blueprint indicating project floor plan, asbestos containing material location and amount, equipment staging, containment and decontamination facility. Other information may be requested by inspectional staff prior to approval and issuance of permit. Work may not be started until a permit is on site.

The permit application and related materials are thoroughly reviewed for applicable building and health code compliance. Inspectors will monitor all phases of the project and work closely with the facility owner, architects, consultants and contractors to ensure thorough code compliance. At completion of the project, a final inspection is performed by an inspector to ensure that the project was conducted properly and there is no evidence of risk to the environment or public as a result of abatement activities. Air clearances are required on most projects.

QUICK FACTS

Permit Fees: 1-3 days: \$315
4-10 days: \$470
>10 days: \$620 or 1% of total
cost of abatement if project cost
exceeds \$62,000.00

Please add a \$3 processing fee per permit.

Final approval: Department of
Neighborhood Services

Typical review/approval time: 5-10 Days

For more information or emergency permits
please call (414) 286-3280